



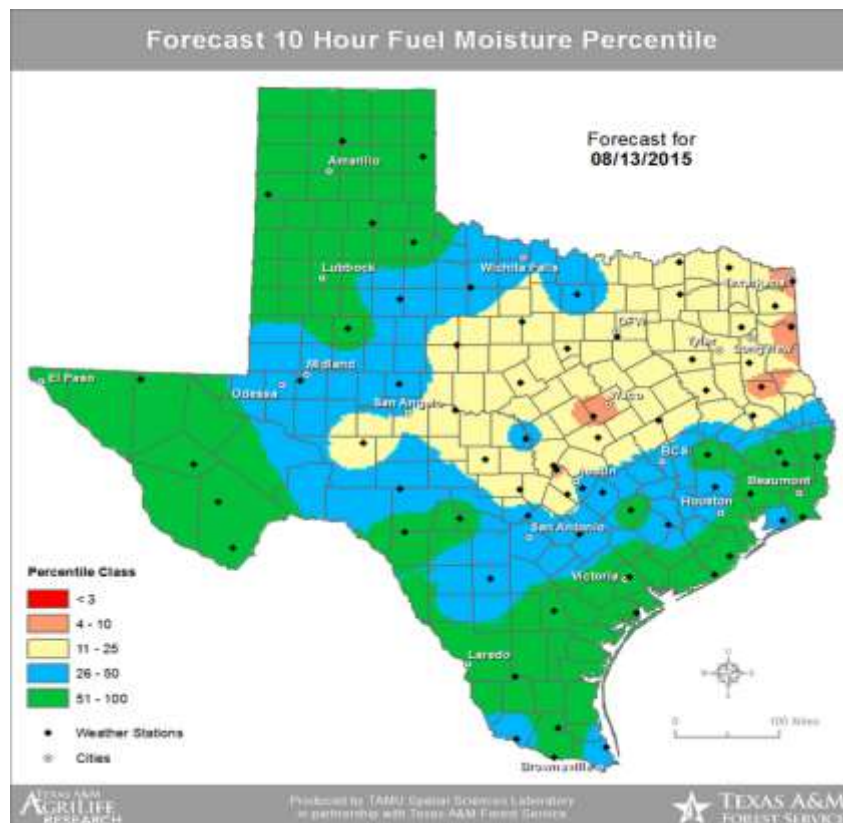
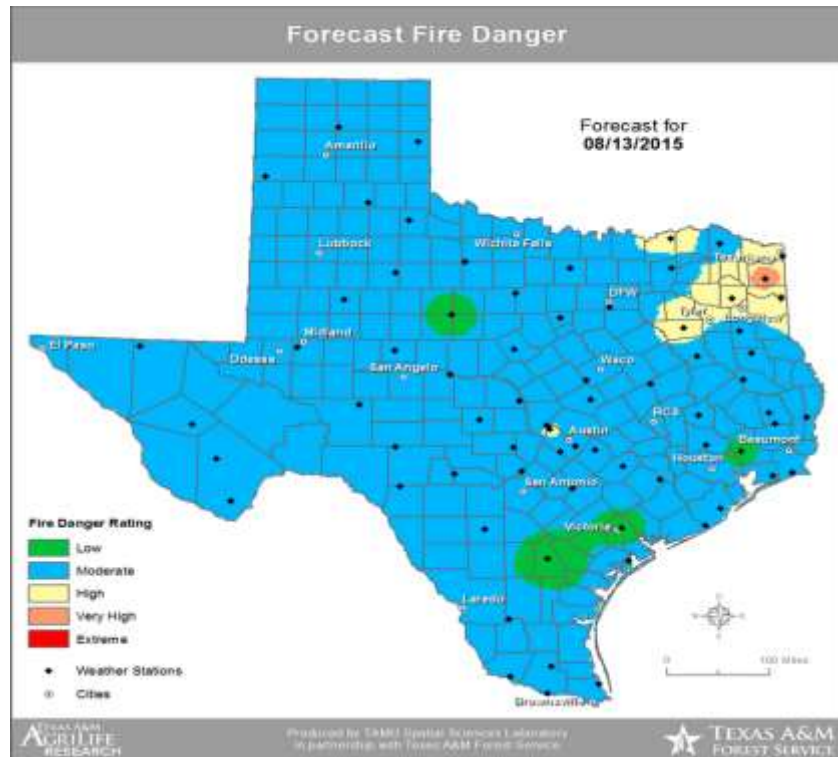
<b>Event Name</b>	August 2015 Wildfire Incidents SITREP
<b>Date</b>	08/13/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	1500 081215 thru 0700 081315
<b>Report Number</b>	2

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3 and 6
DDCs Active	None

## STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

An upper-level ridge of high pressure continues to dominate the weather over Texas, and this ridge is expected to remain near our area for the next several days into next week. However, a slight west movement of the ridge is forecast from its present position over the Texas Panhandle to the Four Corners Region by Saturday. While this movement will not result in big changes in the weather over our region, some small changes will occur. As dry weather conditions continue across Texas, wildfires and grass fires have been increasing in some areas of the state. State resources are being deployed to Edwards County to support fire suppression activities. Many jurisdictions are under burn ban orders, restricting outdoor burning, that could possibly ignite materials that will result in a wild and/or grass fire.





## Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

**DDC 24 Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

#### **Dimmit County:**

La Bandera Fire: The fire is located in the area of Farm-to-Market (FM) 186 and FM 2466 near Carrizo Springs. The fire burned approximately 866 acres and is 100 percent contained. Three homes and privately owned equipment were saved. Dimmit County requested assistance from La Pryor Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Carrizo Springs VFD, Asherton VFD and three private companies along with TFS.

#### **Edwards County:**

Brown Ranch Complex Fire: The fire has burned approximately 16,500 acres. U.S. Highway 377 North and Farm-to-Market 2523 were reopened. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is assisting local fire departments. A helicopter for reconnaissance of the fire, and canteen service for hydration were requested. The Incident Command Post (ICP) was moved to the Edwards County Show Barn at 905 United States (US) Highway 377. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) Command Trailer has been set up. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is providing fuel to TFS and Edwards County vehicles. Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is assisting with traffic control. American Red Cross (ARC) Kerrville is providing canteen services for responders on scene. Two State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs) requesting two TIFMAS Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders and, one TIFMAS helicopter (STARFlight) have been approved and resources are being deployed to support fire suppression activities. The county has issued a Local Disaster Declaration. A shelter has been opened at the First Baptist Church, 500 Uvalde Road in Rocksprings.



**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18, 23)

**DDC 12 Austin** (Includes Llano, Burnet, Blanco, Williamson, Travis, Hays, Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Caldwell Counties)

**Cadlwell County:**

Ivy Switch Complex Fire: The fire was previously called the Harwood Road Fire and is located near Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 1322 and Ivy Switch Road. The fire has burned 250 acres and is 85% contained. Ten homes were threatened and saved. Austin Police Department (PD) aircraft responded and dumped 19 bambi buckets of water on the fire. TFS and eight local fire departments are also on scene.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**  
**REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is assisting Edwards County with traffic control.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** A TFS Regional Fire Coordinator (RFC) responded and is assisting local fire departments with the Brown Ranch Fire in Edwards County.

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** Two Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders, and one helicopter were requested to support wildfire operations on the Brown Ranch Complex Fire in Edwards County.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS and Edwards County vehicles, and monitoring roadways in fire-impacted areas.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC is providing canteen services for responders of the Brown Ranch Complex Fire in Edwards County.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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